



## Duplicate Bridge Association of Atlanta

December 5<sup>th</sup> 2018 Meeting Minutes

APPROVED 1/17/2019

Call to Order 4:37 PM

Welcome John Simms as a guest.

President's Report:

News to report, Bob Heller informed us we \$30K of charity funds raised from the Atlanta National Tournament, DBAA/Unit 253 were to designate 1/3 to Atlanta Charities- \$5K Shepard Center and \$5K City of Refuge.

Treasures Report Pete Martin –

Approve Meeting Minutes as distributed. Previous Meeting Minutes to include the mention of a tabled part of the HOF discussion Corrected.

Tournament Results

- Q. Discuss why we lost money at last tournament. Jack responded: First time in 40-years to hold a 3-day sectional-tricky to make it successful
- Poor attendance -low turnout averaging 104 tables per day. Previous years averaged usual 150 tables
- Flight-C players did not attend-some Atlanta clubs stayed open during the tournament keeping players at local bridge clubs.
- Didn't have a location due to original location was under construction. We had pledge \$10K spend to the hotel.
- In a good position for next year but lost money as expected. Viewed as a "bump in the road." Historically, made money for 40 years.
- Aging population, declining association membership
- Questions Raised: Tournament Reserve? Raising dues to begin Jan 2019. Open clubs caused C players to play at local clubs. Jan/October tournament venue is comfortable. Four out of the next five tournaments will be held at Doubletree Chamblee Dunwoody. We need publicity in the clubs, signage, newsletter and fliers help raise participant awareness of the upcoming tournaments.

Marriott Perimeter existing credit on meeting minimum. Existing fund we've made money for 40 years.

- Judy not here, NABC funding not completed. Our agreement of 75/25 split of expenses with the district still stands. We will only be liable for 25%, if it is determined that we owe anything. Funds are set aside in our budget if any further amount is owed.

Marty Policies & Procedures

- Review the changes: P&P by default is the VP or appointed person. Must update the policy when setting the policy for the future and update the when Board of policy changes.

Approve the changes. 17 issues



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1. **Hall of Fame:** Item 7 Clarify 75% of all voting members or **75% of the Board**- counting abstentions. As Marty remembers, he intent as written, was 75% of the entire Board, a difficult to attain honor.
  - o Roz- Table the motion until
  - o Cross out the word VOTING
  - o We have 12 BOD members with two vacancies
  - o Objection to the reference Baseball Hall of Fame -remove because they refer to "ballots cast"

Vote on 75% of the members of the Board of Directors and delete the Baseball Hall of Fame Motion made and seconded – Motion APPROVED

2. Committee-we vote 2-3 members > District 7 changed their policy as a result needing changes to our policy.

Vote Motion to approve the Goodwill Policy as Judy wrote it. APPROVED

3. INSURANCE- We have insurance from ACBL insurance cover our liability for tournaments – Separate: Liability for DBAA games- Ralph's writeup covers the details. \$328 a year. General liability insurance is with the Hartford. Policy is maintained by the DBAA Treasure

Motion made and seconded – Motion APPROVED add to our Policies & Procedures

4. Accounting- Job description edited and provides high level job description
5. Annual Review: Critical for nonprofit organizations susceptible to fraud. Pete has sent a copy of the books. APPROVED
6. Non-Life Master- Point count should be stated Intent as definition NLM for Competition – under ACBL status current under 500 points. Questions about 750, exceptions NLM, Regional Tournament-which is controlled by - APPROVED
7. Deleted reference to Friendship Game, need to determine date and club location-Determine cutoff date, the 6<sup>th</sup> of the prior month (as well consider the Mentor Month)
8. Marty did not make changes to any policy decisions made for 2018
9. Special Games – avoiding conflicts with D7 Special Games- Dan would like to offer his help.
10. Sectional Tournament – Entry Fees \$12 – References to Tournament Oversight Committee- They are assisting rather than oversight. Need to make these changes. Tom to handle rewrite.
11. Reduce responsibilities to Treasurer's job- Budget of tournament – Jack/ Nancy we have a good working situation. Write up how we are handling tournament. Shadowing Jack to learn.
12. Add- Sectional tournaments -defer price increases – questions raised to give back windfall profits-Pete – this is another administrative step too much time for Treasurer.
13. Looking for \$1,300 from District 7- for costs incurred. Sending a note to Peter, District 7.

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### **New Business:**

- Meeting Dates 2019 – Annual Meeting, Sat 19<sup>th</sup> and Hall of Fame Celebration
- HOF Meal Expense – Estimate 230-280 people – Negotiate maximum \$15 all-inclusive appropriation – Target to spend \$12.50. General budget -Needs to come out of Sectional food budget- Motion made and seconded – Motion APPROVED
- Questions about club open during tournament
- BOD Meeting Thurs 1/17/2019
- Motion made and seconded – Motion Approved all meeting dates for 2019- Sue to post on the website
  
- Approval for Merrie Eddleston new Membership Chair
- Format for Friendship Game- Nancy Director, pay normal director fee, June 9<sup>th</sup> 2-Section game, club location to be determined. Becky to cook and bring it to the club- Charge \$12, Coffee, Pastry and lunch. Motion made and seconded – Motion APPROVED
- NLM Fall sectional new concept for Gold points– October 2019 Hotel guaranteed double number of rooms and doubled spend. Should be able to turn a profit
- John Simms voted to join the Board of Directors.
- Adjourn

### Attendees:

Roz Howell  
Ina Parry  
Becky Butler  
Vickie Bell  
Jack Feagin  
Marty Nathan  
John Simms  
Tom Drinkard  
Karen Bragman  
Pete Martin  
Absent – Sue Williams